

WAC 388-76-680

Adult Family Homes Minimum Licensing Requirements

WAC 388-76-680 Infection control and communicable disease

(1) The provider or resident manager shall institute appropriate infection control measures when the resident or any household member or caregiver has, or is suspected of having, a communicable disease.

(2) The provider shall follow chapter [49.17](#) RCW, Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act (WISHA) requirements to protect the health and safety of residents and employees.

(3) The provider must ensure that tuberculosis screening is carried out as outlined below.

(a) Skin testing whether documented historically or performed currently, must be by intradermal (Mantoux) administration of PPD, and test results read in forty-eight to seventy-two hours by trained personnel. A positive reaction is ten or more millimeters of induration.

(b) The individual provider, entity representative, resident manager and caregiver must have, upon employment, tuberculosis skin testing to establish tuberculosis status.

(c) Baseline skin testing upon employment must be in two steps performed one to three weeks apart unless a person meets the requirements in (d) or (e) of this section.

(d) A person does not need to be skin tested for tuberculosis if he/she has:

(i) A documented history of a previous positive skin test; or

(ii) Documented evidence of adequate therapy for active disease; or

(iii) Documented evidence of adequate preventive therapy for infection.

(e) Exceptions to two-step testing. A person needs to have only a one-step skin test upon employment if he/she has any one of the following:

(i) A positive result from his/her initial first step skin test (a person who has a positive result from an initial first step skin test should not have any more skin testing); or

(ii) A documented history of a negative result from previous two-step baseline testing;

or

(iii) A documented negative result from one step skin testing in the previous twelve months.

(f) A person with a positive reaction to skin testing must have a chest X ray within seven days.

(g) Persons with negative test results may be required by the public health or licensing authority to have follow-up skin testing in certain circumstances such as after exposure to active tuberculosis; when tuberculosis symptoms are present; or for periodic screening.

(h) A person who has reason to decline skin testing may submit a signed statement to the employer giving the reason for declining and evidence to support the reason.

(4) The provider or resident manager shall:

(a) Report any employee's or provider's positive chest X ray to the appropriate public health authority; and

(b) Follow precautions ordered by the public health authority, the employee's personal physician, or other licensed health care professional.

(5) The provider shall retain records of tuberculin test results, reports of X-ray findings, physician or public health official orders, and waivers in the adult family home.

(6) The provider or resident manager shall:

(a) Use infection control standards and educational material consistent with the current curriculum for infection control as defined in the department's fundamentals of caregiving training;

(b) Dispose of used syringes, razor blades, and other sharp items in a manner that will not jeopardize the health and safety of residents, staff, and the public;

(c) Ensure disposals are placed in rigid containers, impervious to liquids and penetration by puncture. These containers shall be such that they cannot be opened either intentionally or accidentally; and

(d) Use all disposable and single-service supplies and equipment as specified by the manufacturer.

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